

THE GOLDSMITH GAZETTE

Goldsmith Primary Academy
A part of the Windsor Academy Trust

Dream Rise ASPIRE

13th January 2023

Happy New Year from all of us at Goldsmith Primary Academy!

We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas and are refreshed for a new school term.

Our Christmas events were a huge success, we were able to give back to the local community with all of your generous donations and raised over £600 for our school from the Christmas fair! This could not be possible without all of your support, and for that we are truly grateful.

~ Mr Ingles, Head of School

Goldilocks 2 Year Old Provision

Do you have a child or know someone who has a child turning 2? We have spaces available for our April and September 2023 intakes! Please be quick as these spaces fill fast.

We now accept both funded and paid places to cater for all families. If you are eligible for a funded space you should receive a 'Golden Letter' containing a time to start code, from Walsall Council. You can also call Walsall Family Information Service on 01922 653383 and request your child's time to start code.

Goldilocks is now based, along with our Nursery, in our brand new Nursery building. The setting has top of the range facilities and is a fantastic start to your child's learning journey.

Please contact the main office for more information.



REMINDER:

Is your child moving from Nursery to Reception?

September 2023 admissions are now open, and the application can be completed online via the Walsall Council website.

The closing date for admissions is 18/01/2023.

Attendance

Year Group Attendance:

Year 1	– 90.8%
Year 2	– 92.1%
Year 3	– 97.3%
Year 4	– 96.7%
Year 5	– 96.5%
Year 6	– 93%

NEW! Hotspot Friday's

Each Friday, children from across school will be randomly selected to win a prize if they have achieved any of the following:

- Shown most improved attendance
- Currently on 96% or more
- Achieved 100% attendance

Keep on coming to school on time every day!

DREAM, RISE, ASPIRE, ATTEND!

Ways to keep in touch...



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Christmas 2022

We had a fantastic couple of weeks leading up to Christmas, celebrating with some superb Christmas events! Have a look below at what our wonderful pupils got up to!



Firstly, our 'courageous' Reception performing their Nativity! Special thanks to Dancetastic Academy for providing our starry back drop!

Each year group was extremely 'creative' as they each performed a song at the Christmas Winterval! It was so lovely to use our stage properly again and once more, thank you to Dancetastic for providing the lighting!

We also had a great time hosting our Christmas Fair where each year group created an item to sell. Thank you for all of your 'compassionate' donations, which will be reinvested into our trips and visits budget.



We are proud to say that together, we raised over £600!

The school then participated in National 'Elf' Service Day - our pupils gave back to the community! Donations were made to Blakenall Village Centre, RSPCA and Anchor Later Life.



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Some recent highlights from school life:

During the Spring Term, Year 3 will be having weekly workshops 'Into Opera' run by The Welsh National Opera. These workshops will be centred around equality and diversity, with a focus on stories of refugees.

The 'Stories of Home and Hope' charity work closely with refugees to share their stories with children in schools. As part of these workshops, the children will experience the beautiful sound of the piano, as well as listen to stunning songs from professional opera singers.

If you require any further information, please speak with Mr Wakeman, Miss Gindhay or Miss Lounds.



We are really grateful to these kind families who demonstrated their civic duty in their spare time. Six bags of litter were collected from the area surrounding our school site!

Thank you for all you have done for the community!



THE BIG BATTERY HUNT 2023!

Did you know that over 600 million batteries are thrown away each year? That means that over 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites where they take over a hundred years to decompose.

The chemicals in the batteries can pollute the soil and water, harming wildlife and endangering our lives too.

We can do our bit to help our planet by going on a Big Battery Hunt to find all of our used batteries and taking them to our local recycling point.

Please bring in any old batteries into school, where we can be return these to our local supermarket (ASDA have a recycling bin). Let's get hunting and help our planet!



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Young Voices



Pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 were all 'creative' and 'courageous' as they took part in Young Voices 2023! We are extremely proud of Miss Gindhay and her wonderful choir. We love it when our pupils get to cross something off their 11 before 11 WAT pledge!

'Yesterday, we went to Young Voices arena to 'sing our hearts out'! When we did the singing, there were special guests like Annie Phoebe, who is a violinist; there was the beatbox collection, who were amazing with their mouths (literally!).

There were more extraordinary dancers like Andy Instone, with backup dancers to help him. The beatbox collection and Annie Phoebe 'collaborated' and produced the song 'Old Town Road', 'Addams Family' and more. We also had a special guest – Heather Small – we sung her song 'Proud' with her which was recorded as a part of a charity single. What have you done today to make you feel proud?'

~ Written by Bella Huynh 6b



After School Clubs:

All after school clubs have now re-started for Spring term. We do have some clubs with remaining spaces, so please complete the consent form sent via ParentMail as soon as possible, if your child is interested.

This is a first come, first served basis, so don't delay!



16 WEEK COUNTDOWN TO SATS!

Year 6 boosters are held on a Monday and Thursday night.

3:10pm – 4:10pm

There is a place for every Year 6 pupil.

Please ensure that your child does attend the booster sessions, if possible. Every minute of revision does count!



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WE NEED YOU!

Thursday 19th January 2023

We would like to encourage as many children to stay for dinner as possible on this day. The number of meals taken relates to the funding we receive in school for all children....

Please help us.

Census Day Menu

Chicken Joe wraps, available in Tandoori Red or BBQ (H)

With Herby diced potatoes and beans or Sweetcorn

Or

Quorn Frankfurter Hot Dogs (V)

With herby diced potatoes and beans or sweetcorn

And

Strawberry Ice cream or Giant Cookie

Cold Wraps and Jackets also available

Are you eligible for free school meals? Check at
www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



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